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WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) presented a Bronze Star medal this week to Grover Mayfield of Cave Junction, Oregon. Mr. Mayfield served as a Combat Infantryman during World War II and fought in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns in 1945.

Mayfield received the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in ground combat during those campaigns. He was eligible for the Bronze Star because he previously received the Combat Infantry Badge, an award given to Army infantry servicemen for performing infantry duties during sustained periods of combat.

“It is an honor to present Mr. Mayfield with the Bronze Star for his brave service on behalf of our country. This is a long-overdue moment for him and his family,” DeFazio said.